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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, Iowa Room 1-153, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Rizwan Ahmed called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The roll was called by Lorita Ford, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Rizwan Ahmed (Chair)
Mike Brame & Jesse Kirby
James Carter
Joe Drago
Heyward Jeffers
Lt. Col. Mickey McMorris
Lt. Col. Robert F. Morris
Susan Severance
Col. Eric Sivula

Col. Kenneth Hughes
Sgt. Michael Murphy
Eric Deroche
Brandon Alleman
Chief Lloyd Miller
Donald Milligan
Robert Jump
Gary Peters
Thomas Thibeaud

Representing Agency:

DOA and Office of Information Technology
Dept. of Health and Hospitals
Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
Dept. of Transportation and Development
LA Senate Select Comm on Homeland Security
LA State Police
LA National Guard
Attorney General's Office/GOHSEP
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services

Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP
Region 2 East Baton Rouge OHSEP
Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP
Region 4 Iberia OHSEP
Region 5 Calcasieu OHSEP
Region 6 Rapides OHSEP
Region 7 Caddo/Bossier OHSEP
Region 8 Ouachita OHSEP
Region 9 Washington OHSEP

Guest List
See Appendix A

Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2007

On motion of Eric Sivula, seconded by Michael Murphy, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting.

Special Presentation

Ms. Betty Rinehart with Motorola, presented a 700 Mhz Regulatory Update. She discussed the Bandplan Changes and showed comparisons between the original and the new plan. (Appendix B)

Technology Sub-Committee

Chief Robert Black was not in attendance at today's meeting. Joe Drago stated that the Technology Committee along with the Policies and Procedures Committee have been continuing to work with the SIEC Support Staff to finalize the Louisiana Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). Major Adam Schilling asked the Committee to take another look at the plan, with particular emphasis on the Implementation Section before the final submission on December 3, 2007.

Budget and Finance Sub-Committee

Heyward Jeffers sub-committee report included the following:

- Informed the committee that a request for more than \$24 million has been included in the upcoming budget (08/09) for interoperability and that more could be requested in HB1 once the 08 session started.
- Informed the committee that the Bond Commission had approved over \$9 million in bond money and \$1 million in cash for the construction of a hospital in St. Bernard Parish. The construction should begin late this year or early next. The hardened structure would survive 200 mph winds and could house an emergency operations center for first responders and an evacuation area for those unable to leave or too sick to travel.
- Gen. Downer had been asked by the Gov-elect to be part of the transition committee on emergency operations and Heyward Jeffers will also work with the General on homeland security and emergency operations.

- Heyward requested that the technology subcommittee be able to discuss at the next meeting the status of several vendor proposals on "patch proposals" between radios and IP gear that have undergone exhaustive review by the subcommittee and need action by the subcommittee and the committee.

Chairman Rizwan Ahmed asked the Committee members to consider contacting individuals on the Governor's Transition Team to stress the importance of the SIEC.

Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee

Since the Policies and Procedures Committee has been helping with the Louisiana Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP), Susan informed the Committee that she had no further discussions or changes to be brought to the Committee.

Planning Sub-Committee

There was no report from the Planning Sub-Committee.

Old Business

On motion from Eric Deroche, seconded by Robert Jump, the Committee voted to increase funding in the amount of \$20,687 for its existing partnership with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office. The motion was carried with one objection from Mike Murphy who believed that the funding would set a precedence of matching funds for local grants

New Business

On recommendation from Jeya Selvaratnam, the Committee agreed to post on the SIEC website the names and corresponding points of contact of agencies using the statewide system.

Ms. Lorita Ford, Administrative Support Staff for the Committee commented that an SIEC meeting schedule for the first half of 2008 has been drafted. She informed them of the dates and that if anyone would like to host a "regional" meeting, they should contact her with dates and locations. Also, the Committee agreed that during the first quarter they would re-visit the issue of whether it is necessary to continue to meet twice a month.

Adjournment

On a motion by Sgt. Michael Murphy, seconded by Ken Hughes, and there being no further business to discuss, the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee was adjourned by the Chair at 2:55 p.m.

**Appendix A1
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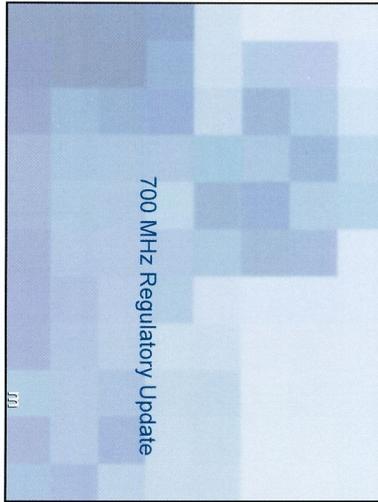
**STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, November 14, 2007
1:30 p.m.
Claiborne Building Conference Center
1st Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

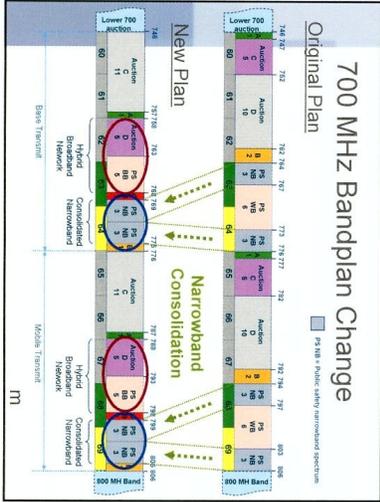
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Appendix B1 November 14, 2007



- ### July Decision Overview
- Changed part of PS allocation from wideband to broadband
 - Consolidated the narrowband PS allocation
 - PS allocation has been shifted down 1 MHz (763-805 MHz)
 - Established the framework for a nationwide PS broadband network



- ### Narrowband Consolidation
- The narrowband allocation has been moved to 769-775/799-805 MHz)
 - Limits potential for interference from broadband
 - Reduces the number of internal guardbands
 - Still the same amount of narrowband spectrum
 - Narrowband channels can still be aggregated to 25 KHz bandwidth
 - Incumbent 700 MHz systems must move to the consolidated narrowband spectrum by February 17, 2009
 - Deployment under the old band plan prohibited after August 30, 2007
 - Unless you request a waiver

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Deadlines

- August 30, 2007
- Any equipment deployed as of this date eligible for reimbursement of relocation costs
- August 31, 2007
- Any equipment deployed must be under the new band plan (or pursuant to a granted waiver)
- October 23, 2007
- Incumbent 700 MHz licensees required to provide FCC with a certification related to the amount of equipment operating on 764-766/794-796 MHz and 775/805 MHz
- ~~November 23, 2007~~ – Now January 31, 2008
- All granted and pending 700 MHz Regional Plans must be amended to comply with the new rules
- February 17, 2009
- Narrowband Consolidation complete

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D Block Auction Winner

- Must negotiate a Network Sharing Agreement (NSA) with the PSBL before D Block license granted
- NSA must be finalized within 6 months of start
- Responsible for reimbursing 700 MHz incumbents for returning radios to comply with the narrowband consolidation
 - Relocation Plan part of NSA
 - \$10M Cap has been established
- Constructs the nationwide PS broadband network to specs agreed upon in NSA

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PS Broadband Allocation

- Spectrum originally allocated for wideband has been re-designated as broadband and moved to the bottom of the band (763-768/793-798 MHz)
- Licensed to a single public safety broadband licensee on a nationwide basis
 - Applications were due October 10, 2007
 - One application received – Public Safety Broadband Trust
- License will be for a 10-year term beginning February 17, 2009

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Public Safety Broadband Statement of Requirements

- NPSTC's Broadband Working Group has developed Statement of Requirements for Public Safety Broadband Network
 - To be used by PSBL, D Block Auction participants, public safety agencies, equipment manufacturers
- Can be viewed on the following website: www.npstc.org

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<p>Public/Private Broadband Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Consists of 5 MHz (paired) CMRS D Block spectrum and 5 MHz (paired) PS broadband spectrum▪ PS has access to D Block spectrum in emergencies<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ "Emergency" to be defined in NSA▪ D Block CMRS subscribers have access to PS spectrum on a secondary, preemptible basis<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Must not interfere with PS▪ PS has priority <p>m</p>	<p>Broadband Operations Outside The Public Safety Broadband Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participation in the PSBN is not mandatory▪ Completely opting out of the network is not a choice<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The D Block licensee has the exclusive rights to build and operate the shared broadband network▪ Early build-out options are provided <p>m</p>
<p>Broadband Network Build-out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Defined in terms of the population covered by the D Block licensee▪ Must provide signal coverage and offer service to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 75% of the population by 2013▪ 95% of the population by 2016▪ 99.3% of the population by 2019▪ NSA must also include a build-out schedule to provide coverage to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Major highways and interstates and▪ Incorporated communities of more than 3,000 <p>m</p>	<p>Wideband Waiver Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Restricted to the narrowband or guardband allocation▪ Waiver must include letters of support from:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The PSBL▪ The relevant RPC▪ Waivers will be granted for a term not to exceed 5 years▪ May be renewed once for a period not to exceed 3 years <p>m</p>

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Overall Estimated Timeline

- First Quarter 2008
 - PSBL and D Block Auction winner begin NSA negotiations
- Third Quarter 2008
 - NSA finalized – details of broadband network build-out, fees, technical specifications, etc. determined
- Second to Fourth Quarter 2008
 - D Block licensee will begin to pay relocation costs
- February 2009
 - TV Clearing deadline
 - National Public Safety broadband network build-out begins

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Thanks!

Any questions?

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